

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

The Greater Portion of the Day in the Senate Consumed in Executive Session.

A Number of Important Bills and Resolutions Introduced in the House.

FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

The Senate.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Several messages from the President were laid before the Senate transmitting information heretofore called for regarding the landing of foreign cables in the United States, the awards of the Venezuelan mixed Commission, and the status of the Oklahoma lands, which lands, the President maintains, can not, under existing treaties, be opened for settlement. Without the transaction of other business, the Senate went into executive session.

At 7:30 p. m. the doors were reopened and the Senate adjourned.

The House.
Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Presidential Laws, reported a concurrent resolution providing that the two Houses shall assemble in the hall of the House at noon, on the 11th of February, 1885, pursuant to the requirements of the constitution and laws relating to the President and Vice President of the United States, and the President of the Senate shall be the presiding officer; that one person shall be appointed to tell on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House to make a list of the votes as they shall be declared; that the result shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall announce and state the vote, and the persons elected by the two Houses, assembled as aforesaid, which shall be deemed a declaration of the persons elected President and Vice President.

Mr. Reed made the point of order that the subject matter of the resolution had never been referred to the committee, and the point having been sustained by the Speaker, Mr. Reed asked leave to have it referred. To this Mr. Reed objected in order that he might have an opportunity to examine the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Paige the Committee on Elections was instructed to ascertain the status of General Robinson as a member of the House. Robinson has been sworn in as Secretary of the House, but has not been sworn in as a member of the House.

The President was requested to transmit to the House the recent appeal of Fitz John Porter and accompanying papers.

The Speaker laid before the House a message from the President transmitting a communication from the Secretary of the Navy recommending action by the Government in recognition of the services, official and personal, extended in Russia to the survivors of the "Jennette," and to the search parties subsequently sent to Siberia. Referring to the persons designated to receive medals, Secretary Chandler mentions the Governor of Yukon, and recommends that he be presented a sword and a letter from the President. Other special rewards designated are gold and silver medals, watches and sums of money ranging from \$100 to \$500. The Secretary also recommends that stores and provisions be distributed among the natives of three Siberian villages.

Mr. Holman presented the conference report of the Naval Appropriation bill. Agreed to.

Mr. Cox, of North Carolina, presented the credentials of J. M. Reed as member-elect of the Fifth District of North Carolina to succeed A. M. Scales, and Mr. Reed took the oath of office.

The morning hour being dispensed with, Mr. Hewitt, of New York, moved the House go into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the bill to carry into effect the Mexican treaty. Lost—yeas, 81; nays, 15.

A contest then arose as to the precedence of business.

Mr. Singleton presented the Library bill.

Mr. Townsend presented the claims of the Mexican Pension bill.

Mr. Stockslager thought the public building measure entitled to consideration.

Mr. Hunt suggested it was time the House should take action on the bill for the encouragement of the American merchant service, which has been the special order for nearly a year, and Mr. Hendy wished to take up the Northern Pacific land forfeiture bill.

On motion of Mr. Hendy, the House proceeded—yeas, 139; nays, 105—to consider the land grant bills on the calendar. The first bill on the calendar was to declare the forfeiture of certain land in Michigan, granted for the construction of railways. The question of consideration was raised, and the House refused—yeas, 83; nays, 102—to consider the bill.

A similar question was raised against the next bill (to forfeit the Marquette and Ontonagon land grant) and the House refused—yeas, 80; nays, 101—to consider this measure.

Mr. Willis, from the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, reported the River and Harbor Appropriation bill. Referred to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

In Committee of the Whole, Mr. McComas offered a resolution, which was adopted, reciting that Julius E. Sartor, an American citizen, who was long an instructor in the University of Bahia, Brazil, had been imprisoned in that country since November, 1884, for alleged complicity in a rebellion, and his speedy execution is apprehended, and that he alleges he is innocent, and desires the Secretary of State to inform the House what measures have been taken and what further action he intends to take to secure his release or a speedy trial.

Mr. Van Eaton then submitted various filibustering motions to adjourn, to adjourn over, and to take recess, and several roll calls were taken. During one of the calls Mr. Blair asked if it would be in order to read the platforms prepared at both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, and especially the plank which declared in favor of the forfeiture of unearned land grants. Finally, with successive roll calls, the House adjourned.

The Silver Convention.
DENVER, Col., Jan. 28.—The National Silver Convention meets at 11 o'clock today. It is expected to last three days or more. The sessions will be held in the Opera House, and between 500 and 1,000 delegates are present. While a majority come from the mining regions of Colorado, the neighboring mining States of Missouri and Arkansas have sent delegations. The object of the convention is to form a western organization for the protection of the silver interests and to prevent, by all possible means, any legislation in Congress to decrease the present rate of coinage by the Government. The

silver movement was started here some time ago, and its inception, it is thought, was caused by the recommendation in President Arthur's message to do away with silver coinage. There will be two factions in the convention; one will favor the unlimited coinage of silver, the other will favor the continuance of the Bland coinage act now in force.

COLD COMFORT.

An Employee of One of the Departments Is Told by Senator Sherman That There Will be a Clean Sweep.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—An employee in one of the departments went to Senator Sherman today to talk to him about the prospects of Republicans holding positions under the new administration.

"I will do what I can for you," said Senator Sherman, "when I learn who the new Secretary of your department is, but much will depend upon that. If a friend of mine is made Secretary of the Interior then I may be able to help you."

"I am under the civil service laws," suggested the employee.

"Yes," replied the brainy Senator, "but I doubt if that will do you any good. I don't think the civil service laws will protect. It is my impression that there will be a clean sweep. Only general political principles charges may be right. A few weak-backed employees—men who have no political creed or opinion—may be allowed to remain. But that is not your case. You are a Republican, and therefore must rely upon the character of man who will preside over your department. If he is my friend I may be able to help you; if not, I don't think I could do you any good."

Cold Weather Again.
CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—The weather has again turned very cold. The thermometer in this city this morning registered 15° below zero; at Burlington, Iowa, the mercury stood 26° below; Dubuque reports 22° below; Winnipeg, 28° below; St. Paul, 26° below. The movement of trains from all directions has been hindered, and nearly all are reported behind time.

TRON, N. Y., Jan. 28.—A heavy snow blocked all the trains on the Troy and Boston Railroad today.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 28.—The cold weather and drifting snow seriously interfered with railroad travel last night. Passenger trains from the West reached this city from four to seven hours late, and all freight trains to the Western and Middle Divisions of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Road were en route.

The limited express, due here at 6:55 a. m., did not arrive until nearly noon. An extra locomotive was attached at Forest, O., and several times on the way water froze in the tanks. Train men unite in saying that last night's experience was the most severe of the winter.

Indian Territory Leaves.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—James M. Bell and a man named Cordery, both Cherokee, testified today before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. They had heard that money was paid members of the Cherokee council by lessees of the Cherokee strip to secure favorable action. A member of the Kew tribe, named Hardy, testified that the Cherokee was obtained from his tribe against the wishes of a majority of its members, and that the lessee was cutting cord wood for sale, which he is not entitled to do by the terms of the lease.

All Names in Indian Map.
NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Li Kwong, President of the Chinese Cigar-makers' Union, proprietor of a large Spanish restaurant at No. 101 Maiden lane, and owner of a fashionable Chinese boarding-house in Pell street, left the city for parts unknown last Friday. A short time ago Li Kwong was rated to be worth about \$10,000. Owing to their belief that he was financially as sound as the Bank of England, quite a number of Chinamen have been giving him their earnings for safe-keeping. He owed large bills to grocers, butchers and bakers, aggregating several thousand dollars.

A Cincinnati Sleighting Party.
CINCINNATI, Jan. 28.—At an early hour this morning four men were found in a sleigh in the western part of the city. But one of them was able to speak, one was dead, and the other two so drunk and nearly frozen as to be unconscious. The dead man's name was Peter Yerber. The party had been on a spree from early last evening, and had they not been discovered all would soon have perished from the cold.

Another Territorial Capital Row.
CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—An official dispatch from the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Board of Trade, says that it has decided to resist the collection of the tax for the erection of territorial buildings at Santa Fe, New Mexico, upon legal advice that the act authorizing the act is illegal.

Mrs. Garfield Sued for Damages.
CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 28.—Mrs. J. M. Garfield was sued in the Common Pleas Court today by a woman named "Thankful Tanner" for \$25,000. Mrs. Tanner was run over by Mrs. Garfield's carriage December 22, while in the public square, and she now alleges that she was seriously injured.

A Staying Report.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 28.—The propeller Michigan, which had been closed in by ice near Grand Haven, forced her way through yesterday, and it is reported that there was an explosion on board, which killed two men and shattered a part of the vessel.

Whole Family Poisoned.
READING, Pa., Jan. 28.—Christian Krell and family, numbering seven persons, of Bunker Hill, Lebanon County, were poisoned by drinking wine. One child died and two others are not expected to live. The remainder are seriously ill.

Two Hebrews Embrace Christianity.
CINCINNATI, Jan. 28.—Solomon Bass, a resident of this city for three years past, and Elias Grosfield, who has been upon American soil but five weeks, both Hebrews have been converted to Christianity and admitted to the Methodist Church.

Change of Archbishop.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—Archbishop Alemany has resigned his See, which has been accepted by the Pope, and Archbishop Rordan, of Chicago, appointed to succeed him.

Really Mysterious Disappearance.
NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—S. S. Conant, who has for the last fifteen years been the managing editor of Harper's Weekly, one week

ago Friday, without any explanation, or without any reason therefor known to any one, tendered his resignation, to take effect at once and leave the office immediately. He has not since been seen by any one of his family or friends.

Instantly Killed.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 28.—Kate Connor, aged twenty, mattress sewer at Gray & Kelly's furniture manufactory, fell through an elevator shaft from the fifth floor this morning and was killed instantly.

A remarkably handsome woman is said to be the moving spirit in a philanthropic movement in Russia to supply the poor of that country with Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup, the great remedy for coughs and colds.

Cut-Worms.

The larvae or caterpillars of certain moths have been the cause of cut-worms from their habit of cutting off tender and succulent plants near the base, so that, though the destructive animal may eat but little, it kills each plant it nibbles at. The cut worms, for the most part, belong to the genus *Agrotis*, *Hadena* and *Manestra*—generally the caterpillars of which greatly resemble each other both in appearance and habits, though the moths may have striking points of difference. The parent moths lay the eggs during the latter part of summer, sometimes on the ground about the roots of grass and other plants, and sometimes on the leaves near the ground. In two or three weeks the eggs hatch, and by autumn the caterpillars have reached half an inch or more in length. In the summer and fall of 1884, they were sufficiently deep to escape from severe frost, and there remain in a torpid condition all the winter. The warmth of spring arouses them to activity, when they seek the surface of the ground, feeding at night on almost any green thing they meet with, moving with almost insatiable appetites as they approach maturity, and burying themselves during the day under the surface of the ground in the neighborhood of their depositories. When the ground is covered with the earth to varying depths, and there change to chrysalids from which the mature insects escape in two or three weeks.

These insects are hurtful only while in the larval condition. As remedies, showering the plants with Paris green, and sprinkling them with air-slacked lime or powdered hellebore, or strewn lime or soot or mixtures of these substances around the plants on the surface of the ground, have been recommended, and in some cases have been found useful. Plants have also been protected from injury by the caterpillars by strewing around them a little dry sand impregnated with coal oil. In the proportion of a teaspoonful of coal oil to a pintful of sand, and well mixed, the application should be renewed every week. This method of warding off the attacks of injurious insects by the use of odorous substances repugnant to them is rapidly growing in favor on the part of the growers attending its use. This coal oil remedy for cut-worms is said to be very efficient, and the cost of the application being so trifling its usefulness should be extensively tested. It is manifest that none of these measures are feasible where field crops are invaded, as the area would be too great for any one to undertake to cover with such material. In such cases nature has provided efficient remedies to reduce the numbers of such injurious species. Armies of parasitic insects prey on them. Some of these directly devour their living prey, others deposit eggs within the bodies of their victims, which hatch into grubs, consume them. Hence, it often occurs that an insect which is very abundant one season is scarce the next.

Too Prodigious.

[Merchant Traveller.]
A Methodist preacher in one of the mountain districts of Arkansas one day happened upon a family to whom the light of the gospel had come only through a glass darkly, and the Biblical knowledge of the household was very limited. He at once set about posting the members by reading to them from the Bible. He turned to the story of the prodigal son, and was reading in a very attentive audience, until he came to that portion narrating the killing of the fattest calf.

"What's that, mister—what's that?" interrupted the mother, excitedly. "Did yer say the old man killed a fat calf? fur that boy o' his'n?"

"That's what the book says, sister."

"Well, yer kin jis' shet hit up. I don't wantter hear no such stuff as that."

"Why, my Christian friend, that is the gospel, and there can be nothing wrong in that."

"Yes, that is, too. I hain't so very knowledgeable on ter Scripcher, but I knows enough 'bout thar Bible to know thet hit's the ripmost kind o' straggles ter kill a fat calf jis' for one boy, an' I don't want no more sich docters ez thet norated ter my famerly, an' I reckon y'd better be gitting along down the road, whar people hain't eckered omel like we do. Good day, mister. Zeke, go out and unlase the dog."

The First Nut for President Cleveland.
[Boston Journal.]
The Post Office Department has received no intimation of the right reported to have been commenced over the Tanton (Mass.) Post Office. The term of the present incumbent, Mr. E. E. Fuller, will expire on March 22, and he is one of the first to come under the new appointing power. No papers have as yet been filed by the present incumbent, or Hansen or Kennedy, who are mentioned as aspirants for the position. Post Master Fuller has held the position since 1858, coming in under a Democratic Administration, although himself a Republican, and his friends here claim that President Cleveland will not consent to have his appointing power merely to make room for a Democratic applicant. The case derives special interest from being so early in Mr. Cleveland's Administration, and in bringing the civil service question so forcibly to the foreground, the contest being waged by the Post Office people as one between efficiency, long service, and popularity on the one hand, and political influence on the other.

To wear a calf as soon as it can crack corn and eat grass, says the National Live Stock Register is to wear it earlier than nature intended, and earlier than it is profitable to wear it. The same rule applies to the litter of pigs. Abundance of milk at calving and farrowing time can only be secured by anticipating the drain and keeping the flesh of the dam up to a reasonably high standard during the winter, and feeding liberally during the flow. The parent animal that starts in with a full flow, because of being in a condition to make this possible, can without undue trouble, have the flow kept up to the maximum, but if she starts in a low condition, with an under meagrely filled, she will not be likely to rise to a high standard of milk production during any portion of the season.

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ON THE ENGINE.

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At last I was told of your FAVORITE REMEDY, and I bought a bottle, and the constant jar brought on acute attacks nearly every week, and I thought I should have leave the road. But I kept at work until the next spring, when I grew so much worse that I could virtually eat nothing, and I concluded that my labor, and my life, were at an end.

Remember, that I had tried every medicine I heard of and had been treated by some of the best physicians in Taunton and Lowell. At this critical time DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY was recommended to me. It was new to me, and with my experience of medicines, you can easily forgive me for saying that I had not a particle of faith in it.

I had taken it but a few days when I began to get better. The raw and sore feeling left my stomach, and the suffering pains left my head, and soon I was all right, and have been ever since. It is the only thing that ever did me the least good, and saved every nerve and discomfited me completely out of my body. Now I keep KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY with me on my engine, and I am a better man for it.

Why I tell you FAVORITE REMEDY will cure anything. One night, a while ago, Joan Layton, an engineer who runs the train from Boston to Taunton, came on my engine sick as death. He was worn out with work, had a high fever, and was nervous, he almost broke down, saying, "None of your business, I will not stop, I will go on until I am as good as dead."

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